

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

Havoc Wrought by Fifty Pounds of Dynamite.

NEARLY FIFTY MEN WERE IN WRECKED BUILDING.

One Killed and Several Badly Hurt.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 15.—An awful explosion of dynamite, causing the death of one man, the fatal injury of another, and the lesser injury of eight or ten, occurred in the power development works just after noon Tuesday. Forty-five men were within a few feet of the explosion, and the small number of killed and injured is considered marvellous. The accident occurred in a building used by the employees of Contractor A. C. Douglass. It was a large wooden structure. One end was used for thawing dynamite, the other as a place for the tunnel men to change their rubber clothing and to eat their lunches. When the explosion occurred 45 men were in the latter room, waiting to go down to the shaft to work in the Toronto & Niagara Power Company's tunnel. An experienced dynamite man named Pesk was in the other room alone thawing out dynamite in a tub of hot water for the afternoon work. The shock reduced the building to match-wood, and dug a great hole where the dynamite room had been. The report brought men swarming from all over the works and alarmed the surrounding district. The first arrivals saw an awful sight. From the ruins of the building men were crawling out or struggling to release themselves from wreckage, and across the wires of the Niagara Falls Park and River Railway, hung a mass of bleeding flesh, all that remained of Pesk, the dynamite man. Harry up calls were sent from undertakers, ambulances and surgeons. A number of city doctors were quickly on the scene and busy with the wounded. A Pole was the most seriously hurt. He had both legs broken and his side and back injured. He is in the Memorial Hospital, and may die. Hugh Budger of Eighteenth street had his head cut open; Patrick Mullin had his hands torn, eight or ten foreign laborers suffered severe cuts and bruises, or were struck by flying debris and injured. One end of the boiler house, which stands near, was torn away, but none of the engineers or firemen were hurt.

What caused the disaster is not known. Pesk was an experienced dynamite man and had been in the employ of the same contractor for several years. Dynamite was always thawed by means of hot water or steam. The dead man had a torch in the room with him.

Patrick Mullin was the last man to see Pesk alive. He handed him a torch about two minutes before the explosion.

It is supposed that a full box or about fifty pounds of dynamite was discharged.

MARYSVILLE NEWS.

Handsome Cup Presented to the Curlers By Shute & Co.

Dec. 15.—Messrs. Shute and Co., the well known and popular jewellers of Fredericton, have offered a magnificent silver cup to the Marysville Curlers, it is for the skip making the most points during the season, and to be competed for year after year. The kindness and thoughtfulness of the donors are very much appreciated by the members of the Marysville club, and it will be the means of the boys taking a keener interest in the game. They will hold a meeting this evening in the rink to choose their rinks.

Our rink opened last evening and notwithstanding other attractions was well attended. The Marysville Brass Band played an excellent programme which was much enjoyed.

The Mission Band in connection with the Methodist church are to hold a grand entertainment on Christmas. Special music is being prepared, and as the little ones are taking great interest in the affair a good programme is promised.

The F. B. Sunday school expect to celebrate in their usual way, and have a Christmas tree and a musical programme.

Dec. 16.—There was a largely attended meeting of the Marysville curling club held in the skating rink last evening. President F. M. Merritt in the chair. After the regular business was disposed of twenty-four members were enrolled and on motion F. M. Merritt and James Inch were appointed skips in addition to those already chosen. The handsome silver cup presented by Messrs. Shute & Co., was on exhibition and very much admired by all. It was moved by Wm. Gray, seconded by George Tapley, that a vote of thanks be extended to the donors for so kindly presenting the cup to the club to be competed for by the different skips. The motion was carried unanimously.

The following rinks were selected for

the ensuing season.

George Cochran	James Lowrie
Clare Downing	Chas McLean
Duncan Robinson	Fred Smith
Alfred Barker, skip	Dr Fisher, skip
George Ward	James Gibson
Daniel Pickard	Wm Manze
Walter Walker	Wm Grey
George Tapley, skip	A D Macpherson, skip

Chas H Hatt	John Duncan
Harry Gibson	LeBaron Jones
Alex Gibson, sr,	Wm Farrell
F M Merritt, skip	Jas Inch, skip.

The first game to be competed for will be played next Monday night and no doubt it will be very interesting, as the members are very enthusiastic over the game and the prospects for the season are of the brightest.

Mrs. C. H. Hatt and Mrs. (D.) Wm. Crocket spent Thursday in St. John.

The many friends of Mr. Warren Sherman will be sorry to hear that he is confined to his bed with neuralgia.

Judging from the large sale of skates this winter it looks as if skating is going to be very popular and many a good time will be had at the rink this season.

NAVAL DOCKYARD CLOSED.

Halifax Institution that Has Been in Existence for 150 Years.

Halifax, Dec. 16.—Orders were received from the British admiralty yesterday by cable directing that the naval dockyard here be closed down at once. In accordance with this order the employees were given one week's notice that their services would no longer be required. This order is in keeping with Sir John Fisher's scheme for reorganization of British naval methods and for the establishment of a huge and powerful flying squadron instead of a fleet permanently stationed at Halifax and Bermuda.

The naval dockyard at Halifax has been in existence for 150 years and its employees numbered at the height of the season some 400, though now they are down to about 100. The dockyard embraces a stretch of half a mile of the west part of the water front and its great area is enclosed by thick stone walls twelve feet high. It is situated just north of the government railway water terminal and it has long been desired to obtain it for the use of that road. It is probable now that if closed down by the imperial authorities that the dominion government will make an effort to secure it for the Intercolonial railway.

Invitation

Don't forget that you are invited to tea at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow, Saturday, evening. Only 15 cents.—d.

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TORIES WIPED OUT.

Murray Liberal Government in Nova Scotia

CARRIED ALL THE BYE-ELECTIONS WITH A SWEEP.

A. C. Bell, ex-M. P., Meets Another Defeat.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Truro, N. S., Dec. 16.—Yesterday's local bye-election returns so far show Lawrence, Liberal, 1,755; Suckling, Conservative, 1,573.

Halifax, Dec. 16.—Yesterday was bye election day in this province for the local house. The counties in which contests took place were Cumberland, Colchester, Pictou, Cape Breton and Richmond.

Returns so far received show another Liberal sweep, not a Conservative being elected.

In Pictou R. M. McGregor will have 200 majority over A. C. Bell.

In Cumberland, E. B. Paul's majority over J. W. Day, is about 600. In Colchester the majority for H. T. Laurence over John Suckling is 150.

In two other counties the government candidates were not opposed.

The candidates were: Cape Breton—Dr. A. S. Kendall, Liberal; James Boyd, Independent Labor. Returns so far give Kendall a majority of 2,000.

Richmond—A. J. Boyd, Liberal; Dr. C. P. Bissett, Liberal. Bissett elected by 400 majority.

In Lunenburg, C. U. Mader elected by acclamation.

In Guysboro, Dr. Ellis by acclamation.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 16.—The return of Dr. Kendall, Liberal, at yesterday's bye election for the local house by a majority of 2,000 was no great surprise to anyone. It was a foregone conclusion.

The labor party managed their campaign in a wretched manner, so much so that at nearly all the principal polling booths in the county their candidate, James Boyd, was unrepresented. Only about 200 Conservative votes were polled and these were divided in their sympathies.

The crushing defeat of Mr. Boyd practically dealt a death blow to the labor party in Cape Breton as a political organization.

With three places to hear from the vote stood at midnight—Kendall, 3,941; Boyd, 1,962.

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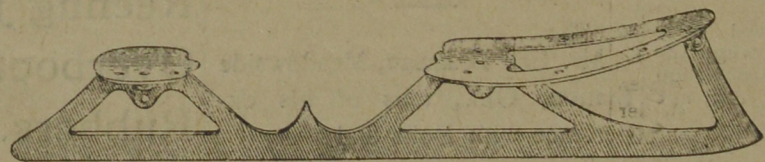
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